Loss of crores of rupees due to bad roads

1613. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that driving on bad roads is the single biggest reason for the loss of crores of rupees each day because of higher cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel consumption;

(b) whether majority of the roads in the Capital city are bad; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the condition of bad roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) While it is true that driving on bad roads can result in higher fuel consumption and maintenance cost, there has been no specific study on this.

(b) and (c) It has been reported by various agencies e.g. MCD, NDMC and PWD etc., that the roads in Delhi are in reasonably good condition, strengthening and repairing of roads is generally carried out on a regular basis and modern techniques of polymer modified bitumen or micro surfacing are also being used where necessary.

Filling up of vacant posts of LDC in DDA

1614. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1741 and 2526 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 2001 and 19th March, 2001 respectively and state:

(a) the number of posts of LDC lying vacant in DDA as on date;

(b) whether appointments of LDCs have since been made in

response to directions issued by Hon'ble Delhi High Court out of reserved 25 posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to appoint all the petitioners as LDC for which Hon'ble court has issued directions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) DDA has reported that 340 posts of LDCs are presently lying vacant.

(b) to (d) DDA has reported that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court *vide* his orders dated 7.8.2000 in CWP No. 1627/99 directed DDA to reserve one post vacant for each of the petitioners i.e. the Group 'D' employees who had passed departmental examination in 1989. Accordingly, 25 posts had been reserved for the petitioners in the said petition. However, the posts could not be filled up as the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in CWP No. 4210/2000 titled Mange Ram versus DDA has stayed the operation of circular dated 5.7.2000 issued by DDA for filling up of posts of LDCs from Class IV employees under the 15% reserved quota. Matter is now sub-judice.

Retrenchment in DDA

†1615. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce the number of employees in Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of employees to be retrenched in the first phase; and

(d) the categories to which such employees belong and their number, category-wise?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.